Mountain Weather Forecast

South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 08 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Saturday 09 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 07 Dec 2023 at 11:43 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Mostly high for Friday, 100m uncertainty in the freezing level. Low for Saturday and Sunday, with the potential for persistent rain and summit snow. Moderate for turning colder by mid-week next week.

Headline for Friday 08 Dec 2023: A dull, damp day with outbreaks of rain, sleet and summit snow.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 08 Dec 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Sleet	Fog	Sleet	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Drizzle
Precipitation probability							
70%	40%	20%	60%	70%	70%	70%	60%

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Weather: Rain, drizzle and summit snow clear away in the early hours, but low cloud persisting. After a mostly dry but dull start, outbreaks of rain, sleet or snow above around 1000m by mid-morning, persisting through the day. Turning lighter late evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Nil.

Low Cloud and visibility: Very poor with persistent cloud down to lower slopes throughout the day.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	30/37 SE	24/29 SE	24/29 SE	24/30 SE	27/34 SE	21/27 SE	18/24 SE	17/22 SE	15/22 SE
900	22/29 SE	16/21 SE	15/21 SE	17/24 SE	19/26 SE	15/21 SE	13/19 SE	10/16 SE	9/16 SE
600	15/26 SE	7/15 SE	8/16 SE	11/20 SE	10/20 SE	10/18 SE	8/15 SE	5/11 SE	5/12 SE
300	8/17 SE	4/10 SE	4/11 E	6/15 SE	6/14 SE	6/14 SE	5/11 E	4/9 E	4/9 E
Glen	9/21 SE	6/15 SE	5/11 E	5/12 SE	6/14 SE	6/14 SE	5/11 E	5/11 E	4/9 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	-1/-9	-1/-8	-1/-8	-1/-8	-1/-8	-1/-7	-1/-6	-1/-6	-1/-6
900	0/-6	0/-5	0/-5	0/-5	1/-5	1/-4	1/-4	1/-3	1/-3
600	1/-4	1/-2	2/-2	2/-2	2/-1	3/-1	3/-0	2/0	2/0
300	4/0	4/2	4/2	4/2	5/3	5/3	5/3	5/3	5/4
Glen	5/2	5/2	5/3	5/3	6/4	6/4	6/4	6/4	6/4
Freezing Level*	1200m	1200m	1200m	1200m	1200m	1300m	1300m	1300m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Very wet conditions underfoot, with burns high with snowmelt. A wet snowpack away from the higher summits.

Forecast for Saturday 09 Dec 2023
Weather: Low cloud and drizzle through the early hours, turning patchier after dawn. Then a mostly dry but cloudy day, some patchy light drizzle and summit snow at times. However, there's a slight chance heavier more persistent rain will spread from the south. Dry in the evening, perhaps a few cloud breaks across Perthshire and southern Angus hills.

Maximum wind: Southeast 15 gusting 20 mph. Becoming West gusting 25 mph in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10%

Low Cloud and visibility: Generally very poor with persistent cloud above 400m. However, a chance that cloud may briefly rise to the summits in the south at times, most likely mid-morning and in the evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 Celsius rising to 6 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1600m lowering to 1400m in the afternoon.

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